

MTA-5014
2 December 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- November

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The Bureau extended operating hours on 13 and 14 November to cover the Israeli Government crisis caused when Prime Minister Peres demanded the dismissal of Ari'el Sharon from the Cabinet following remarks by the latter criticizing Peres and the Labor Party. The crisis was finally defused when Sharon issued an apology and clarifications of the remarks considered objectionable by the prime minister.

B. Communications

The Bureau was without its primary and backup communications circuits for 40 minutes during a Tel Aviv area power outage on 27 November when the building emergency generator failed to start up. The duty editor was forced to contact the Wire by telephone to advise of the outage. Following this second straight failure of the emergency generator, the Bureau contacted the building management, who subsequently advised that adjustments had been made and the generator had been successfully tested.

The Bureau's microwave link to the Embassy has been down since 20 November due to problems which arose when the Embassy TCU's primary multiplex failed and TCU switched over to its auxiliary multiplex. The Bureau is currently using the backup landline to the Embassy.

C. Lateral Services

The Embassy Political Section expressed interest in all Israeli reportage or comment on the 21-22 November visit by Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy to Israel and asked that Amconsul Jerusalem be added as a recipient of all items on the visit in support of the Murphy mission.

The Bureau relayed to Jordan a request from our special local consumer for recordings of several Paris Radio Monte Carlo Arabic broadcasts. Jordan responded promptly to the request and the recordings were passed on to our consumer.

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D. Technical

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1. Bureau Engineer [] and Technician [] completed the changeover from [] receivers at the Bureau's two remote sites.

2. All the required cruising room equipment was installed and connected in preparation for the arrival of the Bureau's cruising monitor in December.

3. Four RRC-1A remote-control receivers were shipped to Asuncion, Paraguay, at Headquarters' request, in the first of two installments of equipment for a remote operation. The remaining equipment will be shipped in early December.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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Bureau Chief [] ended his tour at the Bureau, departing for Headquarters PCS on 9 November. [] assumed the duties of bureau chief effective 8 November and [] took over as deputy chief on the same date.

Staff Editor [] arrived at post on 4 November.

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Teletypists [] resigned effective 17 and 24 November respectively. A short recruiting drive produced two promising candidates to fill the vacant positions. The two are currently being processed by the Embassy and, barring complications, will EOD in early December.

The Bureau received authorization to implement a 3.7 percent cost of living increase in the base pay of Bureau FBN employees effective 1 November 1985. In a related development, THE JERUSALEM POST on 24 November reported that consumer prices in Israel went down by 1.5 percent in the first half of November; the first drop in average prices in 11 years.

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B. Building and Grounds

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Bureau Engineer [] and Technician [] completed the dismantling of equipment remaining at the former bureau site in the Embassy Annex on 4 November.

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The Bureau has contacted the construction company responsible for [] and has stressed the need to complete several fire safety measures, including the removal of construction debris from the emergency stairs nearest the Bureau and the installation of lighting for these stairs.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	248090
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	56990
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	75

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6078.00 min.	840.00 min.	51.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	8240
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	940
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	3440
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	3280

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ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	69130	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	11280	
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	16660	
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1260	
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	19900	
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English		260
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew		0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			13590
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			8720
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			350
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			10130
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			17480
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			1990
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			18200
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			970
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Dari	330		
Moscow in Turkish	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	35350		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		2120	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		3870	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		600	
Istanbul CUMHURİYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 85 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 248,090 (290,220)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 56,990 (66,980)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 10,169 (11,523)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 18,420 on 14 November 1985
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,230 on 30 November 1985

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.5 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.5 PERCENT.
OUTAGES: 9 November -- Problems with TCU MUX
 20 November -- Equipment problem at , reader aSTAT
 27 November -- City power failure

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 200

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.